

In the Claims:

1 1. (Currently amended) In a passenger transport aircraft
2 having a passenger cabin that has an exit and that is
3 equipped with plural rows of passenger seats arranged
4 spaced apart one behind another at prescribed seat spacings
5 in a longitudinal direction of said aircraft, and a
6 transverse aisle extending transversely relative to said
7 longitudinal direction and leading to said exit along one
8 of said rows of passenger seats,

9 an improved seating arrangement ~~wherein~~ wherein:

10 said exit is an emergency exit,

11 said row of passenger seats along which said
12 transverse aisle extends is a row of foldable passenger
13 seats that each comprise a seat back and a tiltable seat
14 bottom which is tiltable relative to said seat back between
15 a normal seating position and an upright stowed position,
16 ~~wherein~~

17 said row of foldable passenger seats is arranged with
18 said tiltable seat bottoms thereof bordering on and facing
19 toward said transverse aisle, ~~and wherein~~

20 a width of said transverse aisle bounded by said row
21 of foldable passenger seats in said longitudinal direction
22 is variable with a relatively larger width when said
23 tiltable seat bottoms are respectively tilted to said
24 upright stowed position and a relatively smaller width when

25 said tiltable seat bottoms are respectively tilted to said
26 normal seating ~~position-~~ position,

27 said relatively larger width of said transverse aisle
28 is equal to or exceeds a regulatory prescribed minimum
29 aisle width for said transverse aisle leading to said
30 emergency exit, and

31 said relatively smaller width of said transverse aisle
32 is less than said regulatory prescribed minimum aisle
33 width.

1 2. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 1, wherein each one
3 of said foldable passenger seats further comprises a
4 tiltable armrest which is tiltable relative to said seat
5 back between a normal use position and an upright stowed
6 position.

1 3. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 2, wherein said seat
3 bottom extends substantially horizontally in said normal
4 seating position and substantially vertically in said
5 upright stowed position thereof, and wherein said armrest
6 extends substantially horizontally in said normal use
7 position and substantially vertically in said upright
8 stowed position thereof.

1 4. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 1, wherein said seat
3 bottom extends substantially horizontally in said normal
4 seating position and substantially vertically in said
5 upright stowed position thereof.

1 5. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 1, wherein said seat
3 bottom of each respective one of said foldable passenger
4 seats is automatically tiltable from said normal seating
5 position to said upright stowed position when said
6 respective foldable passenger seat is vacant.

1 6. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 1, wherein said seat
3 bottom of each respective one of said foldable passenger
4 seats is automatically tiltable from said normal seating
5 position to said upright stowed position when said
6 respective foldable passenger seat is vacant and an
7 emergency evacuation of said passenger cabin is necessary.

Claims 7 and 8 (Canceled).

1 9. (Currently amended) The seating arrangement in the
2 passenger transport aircraft according to claim 1, wherein
3 ~~said exit is an emergency exit~~ and said transverse aisle is
4 an emergency evacuation aisle leading to said emergency
5 exit.

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1 10. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 9, wherein said
3 aircraft further includes a normal-use exit in addition to
4 said emergency exit, with a normal-use transverse aisle for
5 boarding and deplaning of passengers leading to said
6 normal-use exit, and wherein said seating arrangement
7 further comprises an additional row of said foldable
8 passenger seats arranged with said tiltable seat bottoms
9 thereof bordering on and facing toward said normal-use
10 transverse aisle.

1 11. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 10, wherein said
3 passenger seats other than said foldable passenger seats,
4 at locations other than in said rows along said transverse
5 aisles, are non-foldable passenger seats respectively
6 having non-tiltable fixed seat bottoms.

1 12. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 9, wherein said
3 passenger seats other than said foldable passenger seats,
4 at locations other than in said row along said transverse
5 aisle, are non-foldable passenger seats respectively having
6 non-tiltable fixed seat bottoms.

1 13. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 1, wherein said
3 passenger seats other than said foldable passenger seats,
4 at locations other than in said row along said transverse
5 aisle, are non-foldable passenger seats respectively having
6 non-tiltable fixed seat bottoms.

Claim 14 (Canceled).

1 15. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 1, wherein said
3 passenger cabin further has a longitudinal aisle extending
4 in said longitudinal direction between groups of said rows
5 of said passenger seats on two opposite sides of said
6 longitudinal aisle, and wherein said seating arrangement
7 further includes respective individual ones of said
8 foldable passenger seats arranged directly adjacent to said
9 longitudinal aisle respectively in said rows of said
10 passenger seats in said groups on said opposite sides of
11 said longitudinal aisle.

1 16. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 15, wherein said
3 passenger seats that are not directly adjacent to said
4 longitudinal aisle or to said transverse aisle are
5 respective non-foldable passenger seats respectively having
6 non-tiltable fixed seat bottoms.

1 17. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 1, wherein said seat
3 spacings of said rows of said passenger seats correspond to
4 a standard prescribed seat pitch, and said row of foldable
5 passenger seats is also spaced at said standard prescribed
6 seat pitch relative to a neighboring one of said rows of
7 said passenger seats on an opposite side of said transverse
8 aisle.

1 18. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 1, wherein said seat
3 spacings of said rows of said passenger seats correspond to
4 a standard prescribed seat pitch, and said row of foldable
5 passenger seats is spaced from a neighboring one of said
6 rows of passenger seats on an opposite side of said
7 transverse aisle at a special pitch that is no more than
8 25% larger than said standard prescribed seat pitch.

1 19. (Original) The seating arrangement in the passenger
2 transport aircraft according to claim 1, wherein said seat
3 spacings of said rows of said passenger seats correspond to
4 a standard prescribed seat pitch, and said row of foldable
5 passenger seats is spaced from a neighboring one of said
6 rows of passenger seats on an opposite side of said
7 transverse aisle at a special pitch that is no more than
8 33% larger than said standard prescribed seat pitch.